

A Letter from the President

November 1, 2009

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

The leaves are falling and the winter season is soon to be upon us. The holidays are fast approaching, and I can think of no busier time of year. With that in mind, I thought I'd try to stay ahead of things and send out the November/December newsletter before things really got going.

Our event for the month of October was the Piano Recital that my son, Sean and I presented last Saturday evening. The program was well attended and well received. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the reception.

YEARBOOKS – I will sit a basket on my porch with the remaining yearbooks (6842 Lochmere Dr., Manassas located near Hoadly and Spriggs). If you have not received yours yet, you can stop by and take it. (They will be arranged alphabetically in the basket.) Also, I intend to take them to the house concert on the 7th and to the program on the 14th. Please try to pick up yours if at all possible.

Here are some reminders about upcoming events for November and December:

- **Saturday, November 7, 5:00 pm.** Our first house concert will take place at the home of Betty McCary (1608 Ashford Place, Woodbridge). Contact Donna Baldwin, our House Concert Coordinator, with performance information if you are able to play or if you have any questions. Please plan to join us if you can. Afterwards, everyone is invited to share a meal of Betty's delicious stew, dessert, and coffee. Feel free to bring something to share (bottled water, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers).
- **Saturday, November 14, 7:00 pm.** The next of our Saturday Evening Performances will focus on vocal music as Tenor, Allan Chan, accompanied by Patricia Parker at the piano, serenades us. The program will take place at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge. As always, it is free to the public but donations are appreciated. I urge you to spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and acquaintances about this wonderful concert and perhaps bring someone new with you that evening.
- **Sunday, November 22, 2:00 pm.** Our first student recital of the season will take place at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Woodbridge. (Please consider entering your students in the student recitals. These programs provide additional performance opportunities for your students and additional revenue for our club.) Submission deadline: November 7 to Grace Reid, Student Recital Chairperson at gjanddcfamily@yahoo.com or by mail to 14531 Crossfield Way, Woodbridge, VA 22191. Refer to the web site or your yearbook for more information.
- **Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 pm.** We will be celebrating the holidays with a luncheon at Dak's Grill (13641 Minnieville Rd., Dale City). Please join us if you are free that

day. (The survey regarding dinner vs. luncheon resulted in the choice for a luncheon as we have done in the past.

- **Saturdays from November 28 to December 19, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** Every year the WMC hosts a series of 4 community free concerts outside of Quinn's Jewelers in Occoquan during the Holiday Season from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Perhaps you can spend an afternoon in Occoquan, shopping for the Holidays and enjoying one of these concerts! Please refer to your yearbook for specific information.

Additional reminders:

- **Festival.** If you intend to take students to the NFMC Festival in February, you must federate your class. Forms for those who have sent students in the past have already been mailed out and are due no later than November 30. If you are a new member and would like to participate this year please contact Nathalie Steinbach at ymsfred@earthlink.net as soon as possible so you have time to receive the form and mail it back in. If you don't have a festival bulletin or if you have questions concerning the festival please contact Margaret Hunt at 703-368-8766 or Vafestivalfairy@cs.com. Margaret knows anything and everything there is to know about the NFMC Festival.
- **LOGO Design Contest for Students K-12.** Deadline for Entries: November 20 to Laura Riski at laura@riski.biz. The Logo will be used for National Music Week the first week of May. The winner will receive a \$50 card from Music & Arts. Please encourage your students to enter.
- **Volunteer Hours. (Music Outreach)** Watch for an email and please keep track of all your volunteer hours and submit them to Shannon Catabui, Music Outreach Chairperson, no later than January 15, 2010 at scatabui@hotmail.com. Somehow the Music Outreach information was deleted from the yearbooks this year. I have included an attachment of the form for you to download and complete.
- **Web site.** Don't forget to refer to the site for any and all information concerning the Woodbridge Music Club. If you have any pictures that we might use on the site please send them to Bill Riski at billriski@mac.com.

I wish you all a glorious holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at one or the other WMC event.

Musically,
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